Methamphetamine is a dangerous drug that poses serious health and environmental dangers. The drug can be manufactured in homes, apartments, garages and outbuildings using toxic household and agricultural chemicals that can explode or ignite without warning. Innocent bystanders visiting or living near the site of a meth lab are extremely vulnerable and at risk for injury.

Potential costs of labs on your property:
- Lost rental income while property is cleaned to remove all traces of meth contamination.
- Properly cleaning a property can cost up to $10,000.
- Compromised health of tenants, staff and yourself.
- Possible premise liability lawsuit
- Decline in property values.

Be a vigilant property owner!
- Perform background checks on all individuals applying to live in the property.
- Perform regular inspections of the rental property.
- Train your staff about drug paraphernalia and the dangers and warning signs of meth use/manufacture.
- In multiple-housing properties, host tenant “Neighborhood Watch” meetings or safety socials and distribute methamphetamine education materials.
- Screen tenants.

Safety while visiting the property.
- Keep your hands as free as possible.
- Leave the home immediately if you smell chemicals.
- Do not touch any suspicious items.
- Be aware of your surroundings and leave if your instincts tell you to.
- Call law enforcement and report any suspicious activities or items.

For more information on methamphetamine and related concerns, visit preventionforME.com/campaign-initiatives

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